

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An expression vector comprising a cDNA of claim 18 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

4. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 3.

5.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a first component selected from the group consisting of physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants, and a second component consisting of a cDNA according to claim 18.

12.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic kit comprising at least ~~two~~one oligonucleotide, wherein said at least one oligonucleotide is a primer~~primers~~primer or a probe; and
~~wherein each the at least one oligonucleotide primer~~ comprises a polynucleotide consisting of at least ~~about~~ 10 contiguous nucleotides of the cDNA according to claim 18.

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An isolated cDNA comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 302, or a sequence that varies from SEQ ID NO:302 due to differences in codon usage as a result of the degeneracy of the genetic code~~degenerate variant thereof~~;

(b) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 303, or a sequence that varies from SEQ ID NO:302 due to differences in codon usage as a result of the degeneracy of the genetic code~~degenerate variant thereof~~; and

(c) the complement of the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:302 or SEQ ID NO:303.